

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11 (Cancelled)

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Claim ~~12~~¹. (Currently Amended): An adhesive composition comprising i) a polychloroprene dispersion, ii) at least one adhesive resin, and iii) a thickening agent; wherein the polychloroprene dispersion i) is a reaction product of an emulsion polymerization that comprises a) chloroprene, b) at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer that is copolymerizable with chloroprene and c) as emulsifier, an unmodified resin acid comprising at least 40% by weight of abietic acid, and wherein the thickening agent comprises one or more organic thickening agents present in the adhesive composition at from 0.01 to 1 wt.%, based on the adhesive composition.

Claim ~~13~~⁹. (Currently Amended): ~~The~~ An adhesive composition of Claim 12 comprising 100 parts by weight of i) a the polychloroprene dispersion in i), 15 to 75 parts by weight of the ii) at least one adhesive resin ii), 0.05 to 5 wt.% based on the adhesive composition of iii) a thickening agent; and 1 to 10 parts of a metal oxide comprising a member selected from the group consisting of zinc oxide and or magnesium oxide, wherein the polychloroprene dispersion i) is a reaction product of an emulsion polymerization that comprises a) chloroprene, b) at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer that is copolymerizable with chloroprene and c) as emulsifier, an unmodified resin acid comprising at least 40% by weight of abietic acid.

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Claim 14. (Currently Amended): ~~The adhesive composition of Claim 13, wherein the thickening agent comprises one or more organic thickening agents present in the adhesive composition at from 0.01 to 1 wt.%, based on the adhesive composition.~~

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Claim ~~15~~². (Currently Amended): The adhesive composition of Claim ~~[[13]]~~¹ ~~12~~, wherein the ~~organic~~ thickening agent is one or more materials selected from the groups consisting of cellulose derivatives, alginates, starch, starch derivatives or polyacrylic acid.

Claim ~~16~~¹². (Currently Amended): The adhesive composition of Claim ~~13~~⁹, wherein the thickening agent comprises one or more inorganic thickening agents present in the adhesive composition at from 0.05 to 5 wt.% based on the adhesive composition.

Claim ~~17~~¹³. (Previously Presented): The adhesive composition of Claim ~~16~~¹², wherein the inorganic thickening agent comprises bentonite.

Claim ~~18~~⁷. (Previously Presented): The adhesive composition of Claim ~~12~~¹ wherein the adhesive composition has an open time after evaporation of the water of 4 to 15 days.

Claim ~~19~~⁵. (Previously Presented): The adhesive composition of Claim ~~12~~¹ wherein the adhesive resin comprises a terpenephenol resin having a softening point above 110°C.

Claim ~~20~~⁸. (Previously Presented): A contact adhesive for bonding inorganic or organic substrates comprising the adhesive composition of Claim ~~12~~¹.

Claim ~~21~~¹¹. (New): The adhesive composition of Claim ~~13~~⁹, wherein the thickening agent is one or more materials selected from the groups consisting of cellulose derivatives, alginates, starch, starch derivatives or polyacrylic acid.

Claim ~~22~~¹⁵. (New): The adhesive composition of Claim ~~13~~⁹ wherein the adhesive composition has an open time after evaporation of the water of 4 to 15 days.

Claim ~~23~~¹⁰. (New): The adhesive composition of Claim ~~13~~⁹ wherein the adhesive resin comprises a terpenephenol resin having a softening point above 110°C.

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Claim ~~24~~. (New): A contact adhesive for bonding inorganic or organic substrates comprising the adhesive composition of Claim ~~13~~. 9

Claim 25. (New): The adhesive composition of Claim 14, wherein the organic thickening agent is one or more materials selected from the groups consisting of cellulose derivatives, alginates, starch, starch derivatives or polyacrylic acid.

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Claim ~~26~~. (New): The adhesive composition of Claim ~~12~~, 1 wherein the thickening agent comprises one or more inorganic thickening agents.

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Claim ~~27~~. (New): The adhesive composition of Claim ~~26~~, 3 wherein the inorganic thickening agent comprises bentonite.

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Claim ~~28~~. (New): The adhesive composition of Claim ~~12~~, 1 wherein the emulsifier includes other tricyclic diterpenecarboxylic acids having at least two conjugated C=C double bonds per molecule.

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Claim ~~29~~. (New): The adhesive composition of Claim ~~13~~, 9 wherein the emulsifier includes other tricyclic diterpenecarboxylic acids having at least two conjugated C=C double bonds per molecule.